

REFERENCE TITLE: **employment security; amount of benefits**

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## **HB 2589**

Introduced by  
Representatives Lopes, Heinz, Patterson: Farley, Lujan, McGuire, Tovar

**AN ACT**

**AMENDING SECTION 23-779, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT SECURITY.**

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 23-779, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 23-779. Amount of benefits

5 A. The weekly benefit amount of an individual shall be an amount equal  
6 to one twenty-fifth of the person's total wages for insured work paid during  
7 that quarter of the person's base period in which such total wages were  
8 highest, but if:

9 ~~1. From and after June 30, 1999 and before July 1, 2004, this amount~~  
10 ~~is more than two hundred five dollars, the weekly benefit amount shall be two~~  
11 ~~hundred five dollars.~~

12 ~~2.~~ 1. From and after June 30, 2004 AND BEFORE JULY 1, 2009, this  
13 amount is more than two hundred forty dollars, the weekly benefit amount  
14 shall be two hundred forty dollars.

15 2. FROM AND AFTER JUNE 30, 2009, THIS AMOUNT IS MORE THAN THREE  
16 HUNDRED DOLLARS, THE WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT SHALL BE THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

17 B. If the weekly benefit amount is less than the maximum weekly  
18 benefit prescribed in subsection A and is not a multiple of one dollar, the  
19 amount shall be rounded to the nearest dollar, with an even one-half dollar  
20 being rounded to the next higher multiple of one dollar. An individual's  
21 benefit amount shall not be redetermined during the person's benefit year  
22 because of a new maximum or minimum weekly benefit amount becoming effective  
23 during the person's benefit year.

24 C. Each eligible individual unemployed with respect to any week shall  
25 be paid with respect to that week a benefit in an amount equal to the  
26 person's weekly benefit amount less that part of the wages, if any, payable  
27 to the person with respect to that week which is in excess of thirty dollars.  
28 The benefit, if not a multiple of one dollar, shall be rounded to the nearest  
29 dollar, with an even one-half dollar being rounded to the next higher  
30 multiple of one dollar.